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**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

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Application No.: 09/821341  
Filed: March 29, 2001  
Group Art Unit: 3724  
Examiner: Clark F. Dexter  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR KNURLING A WORKPIECE, METHOD OF MOLDING  
AN ARTICLE WITH SUCH WORKPIECE, AND SUCH MOLDED ARTICLE

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other
2. ☒ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently
3. **Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:  
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Other

Respectfully submitted,

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